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Practitioner's Docket No.: 789_048 NP

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: Yukihisa TAKEUCHI, Kazuyoshi SHIBATA and Masahiko NAMERIKAWA

Ser. No.: 09/672,069

Group Art Unit: 2834

Filed: September 28, 2000

Examiner: Mark Osborne Budd

Confirmation No.: 7280

For: PIEZOELECTRIC/ELECTROSTRICTIVE DEVICE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SAME

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
(37 C.F.R. 1.114)

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above identified application.

TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

2. This request is being submitted (*check appropriate item(s) below*):

- i. Prior to abandonment of the application
- ii. Payment of the issue fee
 - Prior to payment of issue fee
 - Issue fee has been paid but a petition under § 1.313 was filed (copy attached).
- iii. Prior to a decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences
 - A notice is being separately sent to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences that this Request for Continued Examination is being filed.
- iv. Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. 145 or
 - Commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 146
 - Prior to the filing of such appeal or commencement of civil action
 - Such appeal or commencement of civil action has been terminated

PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED DOCUMENTS

3. Please Enter and Consider the following Previously Submitted Documents:

Amendment filed _____
 Brief on Appeal filed _____
 Other: _____

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01 FC:1601
02 FC:1252770.00 DP
420.00 DP

ENCLOSURES

4. Enclosed herewith is/are:

[] An Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449
[] An Identification of Copending Application(s) and Form PTO-1449
[x] An Amendment
[] New arguments
[] New evidence in support of patentability
[] Other:

FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)).

5. This application is on behalf of:

[] Small entity (and status is still as small entity) \$385.00
[x] Other than a small entity \$770.00

Continued Prosecution Request Fee \$770.00

FEE FOR CLAIMS

6. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(1)	(2) Claims Remaining After Amendment	(3)	(4) Highest Number Previously Paid	(5) No. of Extra Claims Present	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
TOTAL CLAIMS	45	MINUS	67	1	0	0
INDEP. CLAIMS	3	MINUS	5	0	0	0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						0

(c) [x] No additional fee is required.

OR

(d) [] Total additional fee required is \$.

EXTENSION OF TIME

7. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

(a) [X] Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(4), for the total number of months checked below:

Extension (<u>Months</u>)	Fee for other than small entity	Fee for small entity
One Month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
✓ Two Months	\$ 420.00	\$ 210.00
Three Months	\$ 950.00	\$ 475.00
Four Months	\$1,480.00	\$ 740.00

Extension Fee \$ 420.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

[] An extension for _____ months has already been secured, and the fee paid therefor of \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$

OR

(b) [] Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this is a conditional petition and authorization to pay the necessary fees to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

TOTAL FEE(S) DUE

8. The total fee(s) due is/are:

Continued Prosecution Fee (§ 1.17(e)) \$770.00

Fee(s) for additional claims (if any) (§ 1.16(b)-(d)) \$

Extension of time fee (if any) (§ 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) \$420.00

Total Fee(s) Due: \$1,190.00

PAYMENT OF FEE(S) DUE

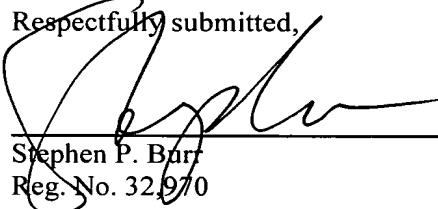
9. Please pay the fee(s) for this continued examination application as follows:

Check is attached for the sum of \$1,190.00

Charge Deposit Account No. 50-1446 the sum of \$

Please charge any required additional fee(s) for § 1.17(e), § 1.16(b)-(d) and/or § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

April 8, 2004
Date

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AMENDMENT*

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 10, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.

*An RCE is filed herewith.